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TO AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

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AMCONSUL ZAGREB

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IT, YO

SUBJECT: ZONE B DISPUTE

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER APRIL 9, ITALIAN EMBASSY MINISTER TAMAGNINI MENTIONED THAT ROME WAS CONCERNED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DROP THE ZONE B DISPUTE WITH ITALY; IT APPEARS INSTEAD THAT BELGRADE INTENDS TO PUSH THE ISSUE AS PART OF A DESIGN TO ACHIEVE A FINAL SETTLEMENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TAMAGNINI CONTINUED, IS SPECULATING WHETHER THE YUGOSLAVS MAY BE PLANNING TO PUSH THE ISSUE AT GENEVA OR POSSIBLY AT THE UN, A MOVE WHICH THE GOI WOULD REGARD AS MOST UNFORTUNATE. STABLER OBSERVED THAT WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT THE GOY WISHES TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE UN OR ANY OTHER FORUM; AT THE MOMENT WE NOTE THAT THEY ARE KEEPING PRESSURE ON BUT HAVE NO CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT YUGOSLAVIA'S INTENTIONS ARE.

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2. OUR VIEW, STABLER CONTINUED, IS THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD

BE WELL ADVISED TO DROP THE TEMPERATURE AND NOT REACT TOO STRONGLY TO THE OTHER SIDE'S ASSERTIONS, SINCE DISPUTE HAS HAD DEFINITE ASPECT OF FEEDING ON ITSELF. TAMAGNINI OBSERVED THAT THE GOI HAS TRIED TO COOL THE DISPUTE, AND THAT APART FROM ONE SENTENCE IN ITS MARCH 11 NOTE HAD DONE NOTHING TO EXCITE YUGOSLAVIA. STABLER OBSERVED THAT AT THIS POINT WE HOPE THAT GOI IN CONSIDERING HOW IT

WILL REACT TO TANJUG PUBLICATION OF YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN EXCHANGES SINCE JANUARY WILL RESPOND IN AS MODERATE AND CALM MANNER AS POSSIBLE. TAMAGNINI CONCLUDED WITH COMMENT THAT GOI IS WILLING TO PLAY THE DISPUTE DOWN AND ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO PRE-JANUARY GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONSHIP, BUT FEARS THAT GOY WILL NOT LET IT GO AT THAT. KISSINGER

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